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Coal Mines
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

a) whether the majority of the Coal India Limited's 413 coal mines either make very low profit/make losses or are on artificial support and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 200 or more underground coal mines belonging to CIL produce just 5 per cent coal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CIL has any proposal under its active consideration to close down the loss-making coal mines with a view to cutting down the operational costs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CIL has identified 65 loss-making coal mines of which 62 are underground and 37 of them are to be closed this fiscal and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether CIL has any proposal to redeploy the workers employed in these coal mines and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER,
NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) As per information provided by Coal India Limited, CIL is earning overall profits after subsuming the losses of the loss making mines. However, there are many mines which are either making very low profits or making losses for which CIL is drawing up action plans for improvements.

(b) Yes, sir. The number of working underground mines of Coal India Limited as on 1.04.2017 is 193 which produced 31.47 mt of coal amounting to 5.68% of the total production.

(c) to (e) Safety in coal mines is an area of priority for the Government of India. CIL has graded all mines into high, moderate and low risk categories through a safety audit. During the FY 2017-18, CIL has planned to close 37 underground mines of its subsidiaries. Workers of these mines may be redeployed as per the extant policy of CIL.

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